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SUBJ: PRESS ATTACKS U.S. ASYLUM CRITERIA

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT DATED JULY 31 STATES USG
GRANTED ASYLUM TO 47 PERUVIANS OF 50 APPLICANTS IN
CY 1972, ACCORDING TO FIGURES OF U.S. "REFUGEE
DIRECTORSHIP" (DIRECCION DE RUFUGIADOS").

2. LEFTIST DAILY EXPRESO PLAYED UP AP REPORT,
SUGGESTING IT IS PART OF NEW U.S. CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT
GOP. EXPRESO ARTICLE POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS AND MADE
FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING USG PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING
ASYLUM REQUESTS, INCLUDING ASSERTION THAT EMBASSY MAKES
FINAL DETERMINATIONS ON REFUGEE STATUS. ARTICLE
IMPLIES USG EMPLOYS INAPPROPRIATE CRITERIA AND REQUIRES
INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR APPROVAL OF POLITICAL
ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, REFLECTING SEVERE SENSITIVITY
TO SUGGESTION THAT GOP WOULD PERSECUTE ANYONE.

3. EMBASSY EXPECTS QUERIES AND URGENTLY FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: (1) NUMBER OF PERUVIAN APPLICANTS FOR
POLITICAL ASYLUM AND NUMBER GRANTED FOR EACH CALENDAR
YEAR 1967 THRU 1972, (2) SUMMARY OF CRITERIA FOR
GRANTING ASYLUM; (3) SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROCEDURES
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FOR HANDLING ASYLUM REQUESTS; (4) GUIDANCE ON HOW

EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND IF REQUESTED TO REVEAL NAMES
OF PERUVIANS GRANTED ASYLUM AND REASONS FOR APPROVAL,
IN VIEW OF GOP SENSITIVITIES; (5) ANY OTHER INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT BELIEVES USEFUL IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES.

4. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO CASE OF PERUVIAN HAVING BEEN GRANTED
ASYLUM STATUS AND IN MEANTIME WE PLAN STALL INQUIRIES WITH
STATEMENT WE HAVE READ ARTICLES AND ARE INVESTIGATING
FACTS.

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